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REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,600,710 (Weisser, Jr. et al.). In response thereto, claims 1-14 have been canceled, rendering this rejection moot.

Claims 15-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,889,848 (Cookson). In response thereto, claims 15 and 16 have been canceled, and claim 17 has been amended as presented above. Regarding claim 17, Applicants respectfully traverse the § 102(b) rejected as follows.

The Cookson patent discloses a method wherein the interface between the service control point and the intelligent peripheral is extended/customized to provide customized dialogues. The instant application differs from the cited patent in that the present invention does not claim an extension or customization of the interface between the SCP and the IP. The present invention, as amended, recites the utilization of an already existing standard interface between the service control point and the intelligent peripheral. The present invention thereby provides a method for interaction between a telephony user which is customized based on an existing standardized interface between the service control point and the intelligent peripheral. The intelligent peripheral is itself provided with a defined set of configurable parameters, which for example enable the playout of announcements in different formats to suit the different language dialects. The Cookson patent neither teaches specifically nor provides guidance towards the use of a standardized interface in conjunction with an intelligent peripheral which is provided with a set of configurable parameters. The cited portions of the Cookson patent clearly indicate and teach that it is the interface between the service control point and the intelligent peripheral which is extended/customized and not the intelligent peripheral itself.

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Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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